

electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID EXTENDERS ACT OF 2010

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 4994) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce taxpayer burdens and enhance taxpayer protections, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. STARK) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 409, nays 2, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 626]

YEAS—409

Ackerman	Castle	Foxx
Aderholt	Castor (FL)	Frank (MA)
Adler (NJ)	Chaffetz	Franks (AZ)
Akin	Chandler	Frelinghuysen
Alexander	Childers	Fudge
Altmire	Chu	Galleghy
Andrews	Clarke	Garamendi
Arcuri	Clay	Garrett (NJ)
Austria	Cleaver	Gerlach
Baca	Clyburn	Giffords
Bachmann	Coble	Gingrey (GA)
Bachus	Coffman (CO)	Gohmert
Baldwin	Cole	Gonzalez
Barrett (SC)	Conaway	Goodlatte
Barrow	Connolly (VA)	Gordon (TN)
Bartlett	Conyers	Graves (GA)
Barton (TX)	Cooper	Graves (MO)
Bean	Costa	Grayson
Becerra	Costello	Green, Al
Berkley	Courtney	Green, Gene
Berman	Crenshaw	Grijalva
Biggert	Critz	Guthrie
Bilbray	Crowley	Gutierrez
Bilirakis	Cuellar	Hall (NY)
Bishop (GA)	Culberson	Hall (TX)
Bishop (NY)	Cummings	Halvorson
Bishop (UT)	Dahlkemper	Hare
Blackburn	Davis (AL)	Harman
Blumenauer	Davis (CA)	Harper
Boccieri	Davis (IL)	Hastings (FL)
Bonner	Davis (KY)	Hastings (WA)
Bono Mack	Davis (TN)	Heinrich
Boozman	DeFazio	Heller
Boren	DeGette	Hensarling
Boswell	DeLauro	Herger
Boustany	Dent	Herseth Sandlin
Brady (PA)	Deutch	Higgins
Brady (TX)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hill
Braley (IA)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Himes
Bright	Dicks	Hinchey
Broun (GA)	Dingell	Hinojosa
Brown (SC)	Djou	Hirono
Brown, Corrine	Doggett	Hodes
Brown-Waite,	Donnelly (IN)	Hoekstra
Ginny	Doyle	Holden
Buchanan	Dreier	Holt
Burgess	Driehaus	Honda
Burton (IN)	Duncan	Hoyer
Butterfield	Edwards (MD)	Hunter
Buyer	Edwards (TX)	Inglis
Calvert	Ehlers	Inslee
Camp	Ellison	Israel
Campbell	Ellsworth	Issa
Cantor	Emerson	Jackson (IL)
Cao	Engel	Jackson Lee
Capito	Eshoo	(TX)
Capps	Etheridge	Jenkins
Capuano	Farr	Johnson (GA)
Cardoza	Fattah	Johnson (IL)
Carnahan	Filner	Johnson, E. B.
Carney	Fleming	Johnson, Sam
Carson (IN)	Forbes	Jones
Carter	Fortenberry	Jordan (OH)
Cassidy	Foster	Kagen

Kanjorski	Mollohan	Schauer
Kaptur	Moore (KS)	Schiff
Kennedy	Moore (WI)	Schmidt
Kildee	Moran (VA)	Schock
Kilpatrick (MI)	Murphy (CT)	Schrader
Kilroy	Murphy (NY)	Schwartz
Kind	Murphy, Patrick	Scott (GA)
King (IA)	Murphy, Tim	Scott (VA)
King (NY)	Myrick	Sensenbrenner
Kingston	Nadler (NY)	Serrano
Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Napolitano	Sessions
Kissell	Neal (MA)	Sestak
Klein (FL)	Neugebauer	Shadegg
Kline (MN)	Nunes	Shea-Porter
Kosmas	Nye	Sherman
Kratovil	Oberstar	Shimkus
Kucinich	Obey	Shuster
Lamborn	Olson	Simpson
Lance	Olver	Sires
Langevin	Ortiz	Slaughter
Larsen (WA)	Owens	Smith (NE)
Larson (CT)	Pallone	Smith (NJ)
Latham	Pascarell	Smith (TX)
LaTourette	Pastor (AZ)	Smith (WA)
Latta	Paul	Snyder
Lee (CA)	Paulsen	Space
Lee (NY)	Payne	Speier
Levin	Pence	Spratt
Lewis (CA)	Perlmutter	Stark
Lewis (GA)	Perriello	Stearns
Lipinski	Peters	Stupak
LoBiondo	Peterson	Stutzman
Loeb sack	Petri	Sullivan
Lofgren, Zoe	Pingree (ME)	Sutton
Lowe y	Pitts	Tanner
Lucas	Platts	Taylor
Luetkemeyer	Poe (TX)	Teague
Lujan	Polis (CO)	Terry
Lummis	Pomeroy	Thompson (CA)
Lungren, Daniel	Posey	Thompson (MS)
E.	Price (GA)	Thompson (PA)
Lynch	Price (NC)	Thornberry
Mack	Quigley	Tiaht
Maffei	Rahall	Tiberi
Maloney	Rangel	Tierney
Manzullo	Reed	Titus
Markey (CO)	Rehberg	Tonko
Markey (MA)	Reichert	Towns
Marshall	Reyes	Tsongas
Matheson	Richardson	Turner
Matsui	Rodriguez	Upton
McCarthy (CA)	Roe (TN)	Van Hollen
McCarthy (NY)	Rogers (AL)	Velázquez
McCaul	Rogers (KY)	Visclosky
McCollum	Rogers (MI)	Walden
McCotter	Rohrabacher	Walz
McDermott	Rooney	Wamp
McGovern	Ros-Lehtinen	Wasserman
McHenry	Roskam	Schultz
McIntyre	Ross	Waters
McKeon	Rothman (NJ)	Watt
McMahon	Roybal-Allard	Waxman
McNerney	Royce	Weiner
Meeks (NY)	Ruppersberger	Welch
Melancon	Rush	Westmoreland
Mica	Ryan (OH)	Whitfield
Michaud	Ryan (WI)	Wilson (OH)
Miller (FL)	Salazar	Wilson (SC)
Miller (MI)	Sánchez, Linda	Wittman
Miller (NC)	T.	Wolf
Miller, Gary	Sanchez, Loretta	Woolsey
Miller, George	Sarbanes	Yarmuth
Minnick	Scalise	Young (AK)
Mitchell	Schakowsky	Young (FL)

NAYS—2

NOT VOTING—22

Baird	McClintock	
Berry	Flake	Moran (KS)
Blunt	Granger	Putnam
Boehner	Griffith	Radanovich
Boucher	Linder	Shuler
Boyd	Marchant	Skelton
Cohen	McMorris	Watson
Delahunt	Rodgers	Wu
Fallin	Meek (FL)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BLUMENAUER) (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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Messrs. FRANK of Massachusetts and DAVIS of Tennessee changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendments were concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 626 I was absent from the House. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has been made aware of a valid basis for the gentlewoman from California's point of personal privilege.

The gentlewoman from California is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. WATERS. To the Members, I will only take about 7 or 8 minutes. I know that they are anxious to go home.

On Tuesday, I introduced a privileged resolution that calls for a bipartisan staff force to investigate the disciplinary action taken against two professional staff members of the Ethics Committee. Since then, I have had a chance to speak with dozens of Members regarding concerns about the ethics process and the impact it has on this institution.

Regardless of region or political ideology, they all agreed that we must take every opportunity we can to improve the ethics process and, by extension, increase the faith of the American people in our ability to uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct.

We now have such an opportunity.

There have been press reports of misconduct by the committee attorneys responsible for handling my case, which has been with the committee for almost 1½ years. Although we do not know the circumstances surrounding their conduct nor the disciplinary action taken against them, we can all agree, as Majority Leader HOYER stated last week, that the developments are “troubling.”

To be sure, this issue is of great concern to me. However, after talking to Members, I have confirmed that it is also of great concern to you—my colleagues and friends—because the issue of transparency and fairness in the ethics process is one that transcends any individual.

What is at stake is the integrity of this institution that we all cherish and of which we are privileged to be a part.

If information regarding this matter is not made public, we will continue to see press reports and commentators across the political spectrum publicly criticizing the ethics process. Allow me to read you some of the press quotes on this issue.

“You have ethics issues in the Ethics Committee. These two attorneys are left on the government payroll. We still don't even know why they dismissed them.” This is from “The Willis Report,” Fox Business, 12/1/10.